## FOREST INSECT AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT U.S. FOREST SERVICE DORAVILLE, GEORGIA

LAND OWNERSHIP OR SURVEY AREA: Bienville National Forest, Bienville Ranger District

STATE: Mississippi

AREA WITHIN SURVEY BOUNDARY: 86,248 acres

DATE SURVEYED: 8/2/77

PERCENT COVERAGE: 100%

AIRCRAFT: Cessna 182

CREW: R. F. Bassett W. A. Carothers

SURVEY OBJECTIVES: To determine by an aerial sketchmap survey the level of southern pine beetle activity within the Bienville Ranger District.

## SURVEY RESULTS

A total of 60 spots of red and fading pines were observed. These spots ranged in size from one tree to two thousand trees. Southern pine beetle activity was heaviest in the area of the Bienville Wildlife Management Area.

## CONCLUSIONS

- (1) Strong indication of spot expansion and increased activity within old spots.
- (2) New spots developing as evidenced by small groups of fading trees.
  - (3) Ground evaluation should be conducted.
- (4) Suppression activities should continue on the District.

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